

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/648,526

Confirmation No. 4656

Applicant : Michael T. Wilson

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Examiner : Alvin Stewart

Docket No. : 1437-01100

Title: Prosthetic Hip Joint with Side Pivot

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
DECEMBER 9, 2005**

Atty. Dkt. No.: 1437-01100

Date: May 9, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005, applicant submits the following amendments and arguments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.